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BATTERY AND DESIGN METHOD )  
THEREOF )

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached listing. To the best of undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits for this application. Further, each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

1. Non-English language document CN 1 348 612, on information and belief, corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,632,559 (copies attached).

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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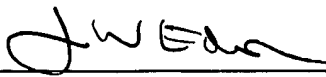
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## NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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